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AGAWAM POLICE

Appeal filed in firing of 3 officers

DA weighing criminal charges in 'use of force' incident at Police HQ

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Three Agawam police officers lost their jobs last week, but their attorney says video evidence will clear them of charges that they used excessive physical force during an arrest in June.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, Mayor

Richard Cohen fired police Sgt. Anthony Grasso and officers Edward Connor and John Moccio, after having conducted a closed-doors hearing earlier this month on the June 19 incident. The incident started with an arrest at Six Flags New England and was determined, by the mayor and police chief, to involve improper

use of force on the arrestee while in custody at Agawam Police Headquarters. Neither the mayor nor Police Chief Eric Gillis would offer further comment on the matter this week.

John Connor, an attorney representing the three police officers, said Wednesday that he had filed an appeal with the state

Civil Service Commission. He acknowledged that the officers physically restrained a suspect, but said they used an appropriate amount of force, and the only injuries during the incident were sustained by one of the officers.

"The [arrested] individual was extremely drunk and violent," said Connor. "The officers had

to use force in order to get him under control. Once the suspect was under control, the use of force stopped."

Connor said he cannot speculate on why the mayor chose to fire the officers, but thinks the degree of force may have looked

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JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS



Youth brigade



AFD training officer Frank Matuszczak observes junior firefighters Cameron Wood, top, and Jake Parent Jr. as they wind hose onto a fire truck at the end of a hands-on training session.

Junior firefighters, from left, Daryl Gagne, Nick Bousquet and Ryan LaFountain learn how to properly handle a fire hose from Agawam firefighter-paramedic William Kraus. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

Future firefighters get realistic 'taste' of profession

By Mike Lydick
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Daryl Gagne's dream is to one day become a firefighter. He's just 14, but the Agawam High School freshman is already discovering what it's like to be a firefighter.

He's one of the youngest students in a new program designed by the Agawam Fire Department that gives 14- to 18-year-olds the opportunity to explore and learn about a career in the field of emergency services.

Gagne was inspired by his uncle, a fire chief in Brattleboro, Vt., for more than 20 years. He said, "It's been my life-long dream to become a firefighter."

The monthly two-hour evening program at Agawam Fire headquarters on Main Street combines classroom instruction with hands-on training. Junior firefighters review techniques and procedures they actually use during the second hour.

"It's a really cool experience" said Gagne, one of eight youths current enrolled in the program. "You get to see what firefighters do and then do it yourself."

Fire Inspector Jacob "Jake" Dushane, who oversees the program, along with Training Officer Frank Matuszczak and Fire Lt. Marc Pereira, said the program replaces an informal program that existed for nearly a decade.

"It's more structured now. Our goal is to teach kids about fire department services to set them on the right career path. Getting local kids interested in a firefighting career can be a great recruitment tool for our department," said Dushane.

"We totally revamped the program, formalized it, and added guidelines," added Matuszczak. "It's totally home-grown."

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DOERING SCHOOL

Students in wreath campaign for vets

By Mike Lydick
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There are nearly 10,000 veterans buried in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Fifth and sixth graders at Doering Middle School are working to ensure every one of them is honored and remembered during the holiday season with a wreath on his or her grave.

To make that goal a reality they are participating in a national program called Wreaths Across America that places wreaths on veterans' graves each December. Wreaths are \$15 and students are encouraging anyone who wants to support their cause to order or sponsor a remembrance wreath.

Kathleen Goyette-Jediny, a sixth grade teacher helping students with the project, said students sold just over 1,500 wreaths last year, and are well on their way in 2016.

"So far, we've sold more than 200 wreaths," she added.

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Krishna Patel, 11, a sixth grader at the Doering School, holds a Wreaths Across America participation pin. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



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Agawam voted the 'Best'



Agawam was named the Best Town/City to Live In by this year's Reader Raves poll conducted by The Republican. Among those attending the award ceremony held Oct. 19 at the Log Cabin were, left to right, Mayor Richard Cohen; Mackenzie Gamache; Cheryl St. John, town auditor; Melissa Brooks; Alan Cohen; Joe Mineo, city council vice president; James Cichetti, city council president; and George Bitzas, city councilor. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Genealogy Society meeting open to all

The Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. The speaker will be Melissa Barker, archivist for the Houston County Archives in Tennessee. Her presentation is titled, "It's Not All On-Line: Researching the Archives."

Barker is a certified archives manager and professional genealogist, as well as the founder of Once Upon a Time Genealogy. With over 26 years of researching family histories and six years of experience working with archives, her presentation will include numerous suggestions to assist in research.

Everyone is welcome. Membership is \$25 per year. For more information, visit www.westmassgen.com.

Congregational Church news, upcoming events

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., "a place to call home — a people to call family." Worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings with a children's message, church school and fellowship and coffee hour following.

Sunday, Nov. 6: Family Communion Sunday, Blanket Appeal and coffee hour. No church school; 1 p.m., Ayden's Ride For Life at School Street Park in Agawam with proceeds to help fight hunger. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111.

Thursday, Nov. 10: 9:30 a.m., Playgroup. Open to the public. Follows the Agawam Public School schedule.

Friday, Nov. 11: Church office closed for the Veterans Day holiday.

Sunday, Nov. 13: Stewardship Sunday. Worship service, Blanket Appeal, church

school and coffee hour. Veterans Day will also be celebrated.

Saturday, Nov. 19: 7:30 a.m., Men's Ministry Meeting at Bobbie J's; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holly Wreath Bazaar.

Sunday, Nov. 20: 8:30 a.m., Encounter Service. The Alice Moore Golden Bell Choir will ring before church; 10 a.m., worship service, Blanket Appeal and dedication, church school and coffee hour.

Monday, Nov. 21: 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes.

Wednesday, Nov. 23: 7 p.m., Community Thanksgiving Eve Service sponsored by the Agawam Clergy Association. Local pastors will conduct the service. All are welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 24: Office closed. Happy Thanksgiving; noon to 2 p.m., Phil Coburn Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Thomas Church in West Springfield. Rides

and home deliveries available. Call the Agawam Senior Center at 413-821-0604.

Sunday, Nov. 27: 10 a.m., Worship service, First Sunday in Advent, the Candle of Hope, with church school, coffee hour and mitten tree.

Monday, Nov. 28: 9 a.m., Newsletter collation.

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. The church offers many programs, special family activities, trips, picnics and more. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111, visit www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com or email office@agawamcong.com. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

Flu shots available from town nurse

Sherry Petrucci, public health nurse at the Agawam Health Department, would like to remind residents that it is not too late to protect themselves from the influenza virus. It takes two weeks from the vaccination date until the body develops immunity.

To schedule a flu shot, call the Agawam Health Department at 413-726-9722. Supplies are limited.

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Giving blood before holiday season helps Red Cross save lives

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood to help stock the shelves before the busy holiday season. Many regular donors delay giving between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day because of holiday activities, causing a drop in donated blood available for patients. Therefore, more donations are needed in the weeks leading up to the holidays to help ensure the blood supply is sufficient through the winter months.

A blood drive will be held Thursday, Nov. 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Agawam High School, 760 School St.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767. Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

Agawam, West Side firefighters face off in moustache contest

For the third year in a row, the Agawam Fire Department will conduct a No Shave November moustache growing competition to raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer. This year, there is a new twist: Agawam has challenged the West Springfield Fire Department to a moustache grow-off.

The competition will no doubt be heated and hairy as firefighters on both sides try to come up with the most creative and stylish moustache. Firefighters pay \$20 to participate, which is donated to the No Shave November cancer prevention, awareness and research programs.

To support their cause, donate at https://no-shave.org/org/Agawam_v_WestSide. Firefighters will send in headshots of their fantastic facial hair for an official public judging to be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Murphy's Pub, 664 Suffield St., Agawam.

Sportswriter to discuss his 'Greatest Hits' at library

The Agawam Public Library will host AuthorTalk with Garry Brown, author of "Garry Brown's Greatest Hits," Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. After 64-plus years of writing newspaper stories and columns, Garry Brown of Wilbraham decided that it was time to write a book. Actually, it was time to collect a book, which he has done by compiling some of his favorite pieces into a 282-page potpourri entitled "Garry Brown's Greatest Hits."

"I thought about doing a book simply because I wanted to be able to give it to our children and grandchildren. If other readers come to enjoy it, so much the better," he explained.

Included in the book is a section de-

voted to his signature work, "Hitting to All Fields," the weekly column that has been running in Springfield daily newspapers since November 1973. Brown started in the sports department in May 1950 at the age of 18, and went on to a 59-year sports writing career, all of it as an employee of the Springfield paper. He retired from full-time work in 2009, but continues to write columns and feature articles as a freelance writer.

Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event. To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Six Flags drive to aid Food Bank of Western Mass.

Six Flags New England will host its annual "Fill a Hearse Food Drive" to support the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts this Saturday, Oct. 29. Guests who bring in six to 24 non-perishable food items will get \$20.16 off main gate admission. Those who donate 25 or more non-perishables will get a free ticket to the park valid on Saturday, Oct. 29, only. All food will be donated to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

The park hopes to collect more than 4,000 food items to support the growing local need for food. One in eight people living in Western Massachusetts face hunger every day.

Six Flags New England will close for the season on Sunday, Oct. 30. This is the last weekend for the season, featuring "Fright Fest" at night.

Junior Women's Club to meet Nov. 15

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Agawam Senior Center. A social with refreshments will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. The social will include a tutorial on making reindeer

ornaments out of wine corks.

The Senior Center is at 954 Main St., Agawam. Please use the back entrance.

For more information about the AJWC, visit www.gfwc.org.

Westfield, Chicopee banks complete merger

Westfield Bank has merged with Chicopee Savings Bank, the new bank's parent company announced last week.

The merger, first announced in April, creates the largest community bank in Hampden County, second in local deposits only to TD Bank. James Hagan, who will remain president and CEO of Westfield Bank, said earlier this year that the merger will not result in branch closures.

The new bank will keep the name Westfield Bank and will be headquartered in Westfield, but the parent company will be renamed from Westfield Financial Inc. to Western New England Bancorp Inc.

"The merger involves two institutions with deep local roots," said Hagan. "Both Westfield Bank and Chicopee Savings Bank started serving customers in this area in the 1850s. Our organizations

have long shared common values, a focus on customer service, and a history of supporting the local communities where we do business. We are excited to combine our strengths, coming together for the good of shareholders, local people, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the communities where we all work and live."

Before the merger, Westfield Bank had 13 branches, mostly west of the Connecticut River, including 655 Main St., Agawam, and 237 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Chicopee Savings Bank's seven branches, which are almost all east of the river, will be rebranded as Westfield Bank branches. The only town the two banks share is West Springfield, where Westfield had a location downtown and Chicopee had a branch near the Riverdale shopping area.

Tag sale to benefit F.H. Grange

Community Grange 382 at 47 N. West St. in Feeding Hills will hold an indoor tag and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

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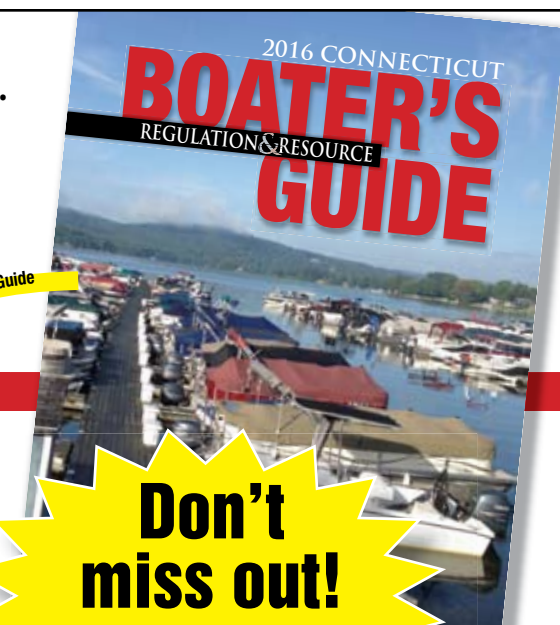
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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Halloween or election fright?

Do they still make Halloween masks with presidents' faces? How about presidential candidates?

The annual neighborhood spook-tacular on Monday shares the stage with the second week of early voting in Massachusetts, and it's hard to say which prospect residents of Agawam will find scarier on Oct. 31: all those ghouls and goblins demanding candy on the front porch, or having to decide between the Democrat and the Republican demanding their vote.

Of course, Clinton and Trump aren't the only choices on the ballot. Two minor parties — the Greens and the Libertarians — are getting more attention than usual this year, mostly because of the historically high levels of dislike that voters have for the major-party candidates, but also because there are large factions within both major parties that believe their own nominee is insufficiently dedicated to the principles they stand for.

The Libertarians, who believe in a smaller government and less regulation, may appeal to fiscal and constitutional conservatives. The Greens, who believe in environmentalism and social justice, may appeal to progressive Democrats. Both tickets have a Massachusetts connection: the Green candidate is Jill Stein, who has run for governor here in the past; Libertarian Gary Johnson's vice presidential running mate is former Republican Gov. William Weld.

The knock on both minor parties is that they have no realistic chance of winning, and serve only to take away votes from major candidates — the "spoiler effect." That may be a genuine concern in the so-called battleground states, such as Florida or Ohio, but in Massachusetts, it's exceedingly unlikely that votes for a third party will make a difference in the final result. This state hasn't voted for a Republican presidential candidate since 1984. As much as they would appreciate your vote, Hillary Clinton doesn't need it to win, and Donald Trump won't win because of it.

Never mind strategy. Vote for whom you like. There are four — not two — choices on the ballot.

Actually, there are six: There's also space for a write-in. Give your vote to your favorite primary election loser, the local politician you admire most, even to your neighbor, your spouse or yourself. And, as in all races, there is the option of simply leaving the presidential line blank.

Stay safe next week

Speaking of Halloween, the fact that we celebrate fright and the macabre on this day is no excuse for parents and trick-or-treaters to take risks. When you hit the sidewalks in search of fun-sized goodies, keep in mind:

- The sun sets early and New England nights get cold. Wear a jacket and long pants under that costume. Wear gloves and carry hand warmers.
- Kids aren't used to walking at night and drivers aren't used to seeing this many people crossing the street at dusk. We all need to show extra caution and take it slow.
- Make sure masks and headgear leave a large enough opening for your costumed children to see cross-traffic properly. Better yet, use face paint instead of a mask.
- Make sure kids can be seen, too. Outfit them with flashlights, glow sticks or reflective bands to make them easier for drivers (and chaperones!) to see.

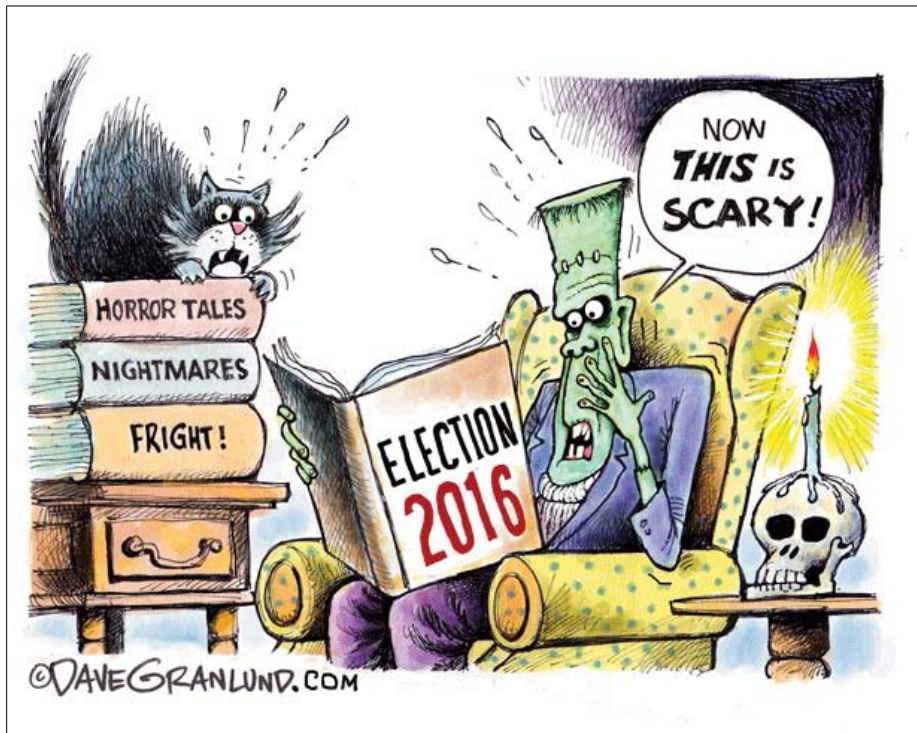
There are many scary things that we don't celebrate on Halloween — like making a trip to the emergency room. Stay safe while trick-or-treating and save those screams for when you have to open the door to Dracula and Frankenstein — or Hillary and Donald.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor (to be printed after the election) to aan@turley.com.

No election letters next week

This week's newspaper was the last edition of the Agawam Advertiser News to print letters to the editor endorsing candidates in the Nov. 8 election. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last week before the election (edition of Nov. 3).

The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes letters to the editor from readers and candidates reacting to next month's election results. For more information, call Michael J. Ballway or Teri Machia at 413-786-7747.



Letters to the Editor

Lego team appreciates community support

The No Named Ninjas, an Agawam FIRST Lego League team, would like to thank a few community businesses for their help and kindness. The challenge this year is to come up with an innovative project that helps animals and people.

As part of our research, our team visited the Parrot Emporium located in Feeding Hills. We learned many interesting facts. We want to thank the staff at the Parrot Emporium for letting us visit their wonderful shop full of colorful, intelligent parrots. While there, they gave us a tour, allowed us to handle and to socialize with the parrots and we even got to watch some parrots do a trick show. We learned that parrots and human can form a relationship and that parrots are really smart.

Our next trip was to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation in Bloomfield, Conn. We would like to thank Fidelco for helping us to learn more about German shepherds and how they can help the blind navigate their way. While we were there, we were given a tour of the building and the services offered by Fidelco. We were introduced to an obstacle course. The purpose of the course was to

experience what it would be like to walk through the city streets if you are being led by a service dog. We were blindfolded and led through a special obstacle course by a service dog. It was a great experience and very emotional. The No Named Ninjas learned that visually impaired people and dogs can have a strong bond.

We also had a candy bar fundraiser at Geissler's supermarket. The Agawam community was very generous in their support of our robotics team and we thank Geissler's supermarket for allowing us to set up there for a few hours. Everyone was so nice.

We thank both places for their support, information and for opening up their doors to us. The information and support that we gained through our research and fundraising will come with us through the duration of our journey to succeed.

The No Named Ninjas

Gabriel Rua, Matthew Collier, Nicholas Finley, Adam Ward, Timothy Rua, Nicholas Fontaine, Benjamin Lang, Donovan Salva
Grades 3-6



The No Named Ninjas FIRST Lego League team visited Parrot Emporium in Feeding Hills as part of its research plan to come up with a project that helps animals and people. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



The No Named Ninjas held a fundraiser at Geissler's Supermarket in Agawam.



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Letter to the Editor

Sandlin has public's, lawmakers' respect

I endorse Rosemary Sandlin for state representative of the 3rd Hampden District. Rosemary has a great deal of experience dealing with local and statewide issues. She served on the Agawam School Committee for 22 years and as our state representative in the 3rd Hampden District for four years. She has gained respect from the public as well as other lawmakers and government officials around the state of Massachusetts.

Ms. Sandlin is a lifelong resident of Agawam. She is a graduate of Agawam High School and attended the University of Massachusetts. She served 25 years as a member of the Agawam Housing Authority board. She was appointed five times. She is also a member of the Agawam Rotary Club and was the first woman to be accepted. She was the first woman to be elected president.

She also was very instrumental in bringing Soldier On to Agawam, which will benefit veterans with housing and services. She was also instrumental in the adoption of full-day kindergarten in Agawam. She also has volunteered for many committees in Agawam which have benefitted many people.

As your city councilor, I am proud to support and endorse Rosemary Sandlin for state representative of the 3rd Hampden District. I believe at this point in time we are lacking representation in Boston and have been for many years. It's time we have someone who is looking out for us, and Rosemary Sandlin is that person.

Joseph Mineo
Agawam City Councilor

Nonprofits: Apply by Oct. 31 for expert training

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts's Capacity Program will offer a four-session training program for organizations interested in enhancing their organizational effectiveness. CFWM is bringing additional non-profit experts to the Pioneer Valley to assist local organizations to better support their missions. Since space is limited to 12-15 organizations, CFWM will conduct a competitive application process to select participants for the training series. Participants will be eligible to receive a \$3,000 mini-grant to address a specific organizational need. Applications must be submitted online by 5 p.m. on Oct. 31. Applications can be accessed directly at https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5424?SA=SNA&FID=35015.

Obituary

Mary (Odneal) Turley, 79

JAMESTOWN, R.I. — Mary (Odneal) Turley, 79, of Jamestown, R.I., passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, from complications of existing conditions on Friday, Oct. 21, 2016.

She was born on July 9, 1937, in St. Louis, and grew up in Palmer, Mass. She was the daughter of the late Grace B. and Ralph E. Odneal.

She was a graduate of Palmer High School, where, as a freshman, she met Tom Turley, whom she would marry on June 25, 1960. Mary graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. in 1959, and went on to become a beloved elementary school teacher in Concord, Palmer, and Wilbraham, Mass. Following her time as a teacher, Mary spent 14 years as a local TV personality on Channel 40, the ABC affiliate in Springfield, where she hosted the children's shows "Strummin' Drummers" and "Morning Town," as well as the station's annual participation in the Jerry Lewis telethon for muscular dystrophy.

Mary was deeply involved with her children's and grandchildren's schools, activities and lives — first in Wilbraham and later in Rhode Island, where she and Tom moved in 1997. Their homes were favorite meeting points for "the kids" and their friends. Mary had a great appreciation for

classical music, "the wilder the better," and was herself an accomplished pianist and flautist. She passed along her love of music to her entire family.

Mary will be deeply missed by her husband of 56 years, Tom; her son, Mark Turley and his wife Christine Eckert Turley; her daughter, Karen Carney and her husband John; and her four grandchildren, Alex and Becca Carney and Nick and Ben Turley.

The family invites everyone to attend a service celebrating Mary's life on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 3 p.m. at the Gordon School, 45 Maxfield Ave., East Providence, R.I. The family will greet friends before the service, 1-3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Rhode Island Hospital and Hope Hospice in Providence for their care and compassion. To honor Mary's memory, donations may be made in lieu of flowers to organizations dear to her heart: The Gordon School, 45 Maxfield Ave., E. Providence, RI 02914, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148. For more information or to sign the guest book, visit www.beersandstory.com.



FAITH MATTERS

'Love thy Neighbor' and 'Be Kind'

I've been on a mission lately. I'm seeking kindness in this world focused intently on tragedy, hardship and the upcoming election. Did you know that there's a 12-step program originating in New York City to help them become "kinder, more empathetic people"? No, I'm not joking. Seeking out kindness has been requiring significant effort on my part. If as adults, our first response is not kindness, what can we learn from our children?

Have you noticed the "Be Kind" signs all around town? Right here in Agawam, a group of moms decided to get their kids involved last summer, placing reminders to be kind through the neighborhoods and eventually the town. At the end of the season, there were more than 600 reminders posted in the form of "Be Kind" signs with a heart in the center. While the kids got into painting, each family can be reassured that our families are part of a community placing high value on kindness.

In just two short weeks, on Nov. 6, Ayden Vrijenhoek will host his third annual Ayden's Ride for Life. Last year, more than 100 participants followed Ayden's lead and raised \$3,400 for two charity projects fighting hunger locally. Did I mention that Ayden is 8 years old? This year, Ayden has selected three charities, including the ACC Loaves & Fishes Project, the West Springfield Parish Cupboard and the Springfield Rescue Mission, to be recipients of his funds. Thanks to a growing community following, we anticipate his efforts may raise close to \$5,000 for this one day bike ride and walk, along with sizeable donations of canned goods and nonperishable foods. To register, visit www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com. Where

have you seen kindness lately, or more importantly, where have you given it?

I was looking for subject matter for this submission, so I asked a group of amazing moms, our Mom's Ministry, what is on their hearts. I received the following response. "Kindness matters ...even in politics. Praying that our next generation is shown that faith, respect and kindness can be present in leadership. In the upcoming weeks, I'm focusing on this prayer with my own family."



Janet Brown

It is clear that kindness matters — at home, at school, at work and on the street. We see in scripture many models of kindness. Boaz was kind to Ruth, in providing for her future.

Jonathan was kind to David, even though it cost him dearly.

In the Bible, God tells us to love our neighbor, but it seems that this election has blurred the definition of neighbor. How does God define "neighbor"? How do we? While we may or may not agree on a number of political and social issues, we are all neighbors reading this. And our attitudes, conduct and social media posts still represent the church, God and Jesus. As you consider carefully your options in voting for our next presidential candidate, may you remember these words of Cleveland Amory, "What this world needs is a new kind of army — the army of the kind."

Janet Brown is director of children and family ministries at Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street.

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CANDLE SALE

Pure Joy, an adoption story

By Donna Mendonca

I remember the moment that the seed was planted. I was hiking with my sister along a beautiful scenic path and she told me about her recent trip to China. She talked about the plane ride home to the United States and how there were so many new parents bringing home their adopted children from China. I recall saying, "I want to do that, I want to adopt a child from China!" and so the journey began.

Before having children, my husband and I decided that we would have one child of our own, then adopt a second child. At age 39 I gave birth to our son; within a year after his birth we began the adoption process.

At the time, over 4,000 children a year were being adopted from China, and the waiting period for a healthy baby was 10 months. However, soon after we submitted our application, China started implementing strict regulations for those wanting to adopt. The one-year wait became two, then three, then four, then five, then six. Every time we thought the journey was close to being over, the social worker would inform us that it was going to be yet another year, maybe two.

We waited and waited, as time went by I began to question whether we should continue with this process. Maybe one child was enough, our son was plenty, life was good, why take a chance, what if she was a problem, what if we don't bond with her, so many unknowns. I began to wish I could just let it go and move on.

At year 6 we were told it was going to be at least another four years. We were also told that if we were willing to switch over and adopt a special needs child, it would take less than a year. Now we had to choose whether to wait possibly another four years, transition over and adopt a special needs child, or to abandon the dream all together.

After much though we submitted the paperwork to request a special needs child with cleft lip and palate. We had waited over six years for a healthy child, however, within one month of transitioning to the special needs program, we had a referral. It read, "Baby girl 2 1/2 years old repaired cleft lip and palate, very active and energetic." When I saw her picture I fell in love immediately. We decided to call her Joy Yulan.

After accepting the referral we now needed about \$30,000 to pay for the adoption. Having been able to save only \$5000, I scurried to see what accounts could be liquidated and what kinds of loans I could get. In desperation, I pleaded my case to God. Within days of my prayers, the most amazing things happened. First, I got a grant for \$3,500, then I received an inheritance of \$15,000. The timing was purely coincidental because the person distributing the money knew nothing of our circumstances. Another miracle happened when on the same weekend my mother approached me and gave me her portion of the inheritance, an additional \$15,000. After only one week of having the referral and asking God for help, we were given over \$30,000, the amount that we needed for the adoption. After years and years of worrying and stressing over the financing, my prayers were answered and the money was given to us freely.



Joy Yulan with her brother, Cesar, on a family trip to San Francisco.



Joy Yulan with some of the other children in the orphanage where she lived before being adopted. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Never been cuddled

On the day we went to the central adoption agency in Guangzhou, China, they handed me a tiny little girl who looked more scared and nervous than I was. Her little face looked at me with suspicion, her eyes were full of awareness and concern, not a glimmer of a smile. To my surprise, she did not make a peep for three days. She was so lethargic that I could have put her in a crib and she would have just laid there content all day. I took her in the stroller and she slumped in her seat, no smiles, no expression, but I could see she was curious. I tried to engage her, so I took her to a playground and she did not know what to do. I soon realized that she had never been to a playground, she had never been in a stroller, she had never walked up stairs, never been cuddled, never been kissed, never been loved.

To help with the bonding process, I needed to find out more about her. I decided to visit the orphanage. It was a discreet place among high rise buildings, barren, with nothing to indicate the magnitude of what was within the walls. There was no

playground, no trees, just concrete. The inside was like a school, with classrooms, but each room was barren and void of any color on the walls or the tile floors.

They took me into four rooms. One was for bathing, with a small basin where the children would stand to be showered. The next room had about 30 cribs with two babies under three months old per crib. Tiny babies, swaddled in blankets, just lying there. Not moving, not crying, not cooing, just little bundles, some so frail it was obvious that they would soon die. They were lifeless-looking little beings with expressionless eyes. Almost too much to take in, so profoundly sad. There was no crying. In fact, with over 60 babies in one room, it was surprisingly silent.

In another room the children were a little older, up to two years old. There were about 30 cribs, each crib with only one baby. Most of them had cleft lip and palate. I do remember one beautiful little albino child, because he was the only child who smiled at me. The others barely acknowledged my presence. It was obvious that they had rarely been out of their cribs, day in, day out, all

day lying in a crib. You could see it in their eyes, their blank faces, not even bothering to respond or engage me with a smile.

The final room was a little livelier. Yulan at 2 1/2 was the youngest; the oldest was an 11-year-old boy. There were about 16 children, eight of whom were thrilled to see Yulan. The other eight children were like little lumps lying motionless on the floor, as their disability had made it so they were unable to walk or sit up. All of the children looked clean, well-dressed and attended to, even the children lying motionless on the floor. However, I saw no toys, no color, no ... nothing. I wondered how it was possible to have 16 children in one room with no form of entertainment or stimulation, but there they were.

Saving her life

The cities in China are the size of New York City and only a short distance away is another city of equal size, so many people, so many abandoned babies. Although things are beginning to change, the people are allowed one child, one chance, one opportunity. There were so many beautiful babies just lying there, just waiting for fate to intervene so that they might be the chosen one to be adopted, to be held, to be cared for, to be loved.

While visiting the orphanage I had a profound realization: What began as a simple desire to adopt a child had actually resulted in saving a little girl's life, saving her from poverty, a life of compromise, lack of education, and a life without love. Not only were we giving her a home but we had also taken her out of a struggling country and a huge city riddled with pollution. Even as China is changing its policies toward the number of children a family can have, with so many abandoned healthy babies, it leaves the special needs children even less likely to be adopted. I realized that any of these children adopted into any family circumstance would be much better off than what they currently have ... because apart from their physical needs being met, these children have nothing.

Currently, China only has special needs children available for adoption, but there are thousands upon thousands of children just waiting to be adopted. Some children have significant special needs, but most have conditions like cleft lip and palate which can be fixed.

In the United States, our daughter was given a free surgery by the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, and as a result her ability to communicate has been seamless. She is easy on every level, loving, well-adjusted, no behavioral problems and smart as a whip.

Every fear that I had about the adoption, and specifically adopting a special needs child, did not occur. What did occur is that we now have a beautiful little girl who loves life, finds joy in every moment and every day. She fills our home with laughter and love.

Every hope and dream I had and every prayer I prayed was answered, beyond exceptions. We gave Yulan a home, a family, our love. In return Yulan gave us Pure Joy.

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WREATHS ■ from page 1

This is not the first veterans project for Doering students. Gary Janulewicz, a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Agawam Veterans Council, worked with them last year to raise money to place a sign on Main Street directly in front of the school to honor Agawam native Edward Connelly — killed in action in Vietnam — as part of the Purple Heart Trail.

“When they held a fundraiser for the sign, they raised substantially more than needed and opted to buy wreaths for WAA,” he said. “Learning that thousands of wreaths were needed for every veteran’s grave marker, the WAA project was born.”

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization founded in 2007 to continue and expand an annual wreath-laying ceremony that the owner of a Worcester wreath company started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992. The Doering students will join more than 800,000 volunteers in placing live wreaths at cemeteries in all 50 states on Dec. 17. The wreaths serve as a living memorial to veterans and their families.

The wreath project got a boost last week when Susanne deVillier, assistant vice president at the Agawam branch of Easthampton Savings Bank, delivered a check for \$150 to the school. She said the bank hopes to raise an additional \$500 to help students purchase wreaths.

Goyette-Jediny said the financial support from the bank will not only buy more wreaths but it will help show other businesses the value of supporting Wreaths Across America.

“We’d love it if more businesses joined this effort so we can meet our goal of placing a wreath on every grave marker,” she said.

DeVillier said she had heard about the project through the Veterans Council and decided to reach out to help the students.

“We decided to partner with the school to not only show our support for veterans but also to help students,” said deVillier, whose son Bradford is part of a class working on the project. “I was very surprised to learn about the number of graves that were left without a wreath last year. Many orga-

nizations do WAA not only for the veteran but also as a fundraiser for their organization. The students are doing it just to help the veterans.”

DeVillier said many organizations that use Wreaths Across America as a fundraiser keep \$5 of the \$15 cost to purchase a wreath.

“That means only \$10 goes toward the wreath. The school decided not to take the \$5. When someone helps support WAA through the Doering School they’re really purchasing 1 1/2 wreaths.”

Several sixth graders — all 11 years old — shared their thoughts about the importance of showing appreciation to veterans who served their country.

Placing wreaths on graves “shows respect” for veterans, said Krishna Patel: “It’s important to do this because they’ve done so much to keep America a free country.”

Kristofer Rusiecki has an uncle who was a tank commander in the Army. He said he wants to honor veterans like his uncle “who put their lives on the line every day to make our lives free.”

Sophia Consolini said the project has helped her to understand what veterans have done to help the country. “Veterans have sacrificed so much,” she said. “This is a good way to honor them.”

Diana Javadian said she likes participating in Wreaths Across America because it’s “about honoring the people who have helped us by fighting for freedom.”

Kyle Jurasz, whose great-grandfather was in the military, said veterans served their country, “so the rest of us could continue to have a free country.”

Students were at School Street Park promoting Wreaths Across America at this year’s summer concerts, as well as during the annual Harvest Festival. They also held a bottle drive to raise money to purchase wreaths.

Goyette-Jediny said the program helps kids learn to make good choices, show respect, and be role models within the community.

“They’re our future,” she said. “They will be taking over where we leave off. It’s really about caring for one another. If we can



Bradford deVillier, a fifth grader at Doering School, poses with his mother, Susanne deVillier, and Vietnam veteran Gary Janulewicz, at the recent Harvest Festival. Doering students are raising money to buy wreaths to place at veterans’ graves in December as part of the Wreaths Across America campaign.



Susanne deVillier, right, assistant vice president at the Agawam branch of Easthampton Savings Bank, presented a check for \$150 to Doering School Principal Sue Federico last week to help students buy wreaths to place on grave markers at the state veterans cemetery in Agawam in December. They were joined by students as well as Gary Janulewicz, a member of the Agawam Veterans Council, and sixth grade teacher Kathleen Goyette-Jediny. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Subway inhabitants

5. Removes

11. Ancient Greek City

12. Plagued

16. An aspect of the Egyptian Sun god

17. Registered dietician

18. A citizen of Iran

19. Jordan’s old team

24. Ballplayers go here when they’re hurt

25. Common fractions

26. Terrorist organization

27. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

28. Heroic tale

29. Reared

30. One of the first cars

31. Praises highly

33. Make fun of

34. Defines a vector space

38. Blotted

39. Municipal

40. Maxim

43. Russian investment bank

44. Active Filipino volcano

45. Scottish tax

49. Peter __

50. South Asian garment for women

51. Taiwan capital

53. University of Dayton

54. Combining radio waves

56. Sweetheart (archaic)

58. Farm state

59. Singer-songwriter

60. Isolates

63. Tiny piece

64. Most domesticated

65. Matured

CLUES DOWN

1. Responds

2. Trailblazing tennis player __ Gibson

3. Driving

4. Holy places

5. Spanish river

6. Cardinal

7. Anno Domini

8. Southeast

9. Ills

10. Gentlemen

13. Lanthanum

14. Support

15. Widened

20. Exclamation of surprise

21. Type of Suzuki motorcycle

22. Advantages

23. Cover

27. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

29. Baylor University

30. Aristocratic young lady

31. Resinous insect secretion

32. Noble gas (abbr.)

33. Combo exercise __-bo

34. Shoulder blade

35. Fortress

36. River in England

37. Popular point guard

Jeremy

38. Decigram

40. Swiss river

41. Where milk is processed

42. Weird guy Yankovic

44. Tattoo (slang)

45. Place to see movies

46. Conclusive comment

47. Has high legislative powers

48. Initialed

50. Cassia tree

51. Touchdown

52. Egyptian pharaoh

54. Thai district Ban __

55. Kiln

57. Michigan

61. Morning

62. Rob Gronkowski is one

Election 2016

Candidates for State Senator

Donald Humason
 Republican from Westfield
 Incumbent state senator, 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District

1. What state legislation do you support to reduce the chance of a school shooting happening here?

If we can learn anything from the tragedies in other states, it is that state government should support increased security and emergency preparedness in our schools and improve our mental health service system for children and adults. In 2014, the Senate passed a broad bill that touched on these areas. The bill required school districts and local first responders to create and implement district-specific emergency response guidelines, provide trainings for school staff and faculty on identifying and supporting students with possible mental health crises, and the posting of trained school resource officers in all districts. The changes required in this bill went into effect at the beginning of the last session, so we will see how communities are carrying out this charge and what we in the Legislature can do to further support our schools. Additionally, Rep. Boldyga and I secured an appropriation for Agawam schools for improved building security.

2. What should the state do, that it isn't doing already, to combat drug use and reduce fatal overdoses?

A critical fact that is sometimes overlooked is that young people are disproportionately impacted in our communities. While adequate treatment services are a continued focus, we must recognize the two additional aspects to fighting our addiction crisis: prevention and recovery. Over the last two fiscal years, legislators invested millions of dollars for expanding treatment options for addicts. However, we keep seeing a demand for these services. In my opinion, we can address that demand if we begin to focus on preventing young people from becoming addicted by supporting local community groups or coalitions who are focused on this end. Additionally, we need to support addicts in recovery to prevent relapse, which is a real and stubborn problem to overcome, and support recovery after relapse by working to overcome stigma and provide local supports so they can get their life back on track. This work



must be ongoing and I am committed to it.

3. Is there too much waste in state government? If you could eliminate one program or policy, what would it be?

Of course. It is naïve to think that in a \$40 billion budget there is no waste. I've spent much of my tenure in the Legislature working with the Republican Caucus to reduce waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption. Taxpayers deserve a government that works smarter and more efficiently. We can and should be doing more to trim the fat from our spending. Did you know the state currently owns and operates two golf courses? I don't think Massachusetts should be in the golf course business. That is hardly an essential service. Recently, \$2.6 million in

taxpayers' money was used to upgrade one of the golf courses in Canton. These state-funded courses compete with private courses that pay taxes and hire people. At a time when the economy is barely recovering, job growth is slow, and revenues are down, that money could go towards direct local aid or more essential services.

4. What specifically makes you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

In a word, experience. For the last three years, I have had the great honor of representing the people of the 11 cities and towns in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District. Before that I was Westfield's state representative. I've paid my dues, come up through the ranks, and done my time in the trenches. I've always lived and worked here in my Senate district. I've been available, accessible and accountable to my constituents. I've risen in seniority and been given responsibilities like being named Senate minority whip and appointed to positions on the Ways and Means Committee, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and others. I listen to input from my constituents and am proud that I can work across the aisle in Boston and back home. I get out into the communities I serve year-round, not just election time, and all while maintaining a 100 percent voting record in the Senate.

J.D. Parker-O'Grady
 Democrat from Southamptton
 Candidate for state senator, 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District

1. What state legislation do you support to reduce the chance of a school shooting happening here?

Expansion of mental health programs available to students would help to address underlying problems that lead to school shootings. The existing anti-bullying statute is a start at creating a less hostile environment in schools, but as it focuses on the act of bullying it does little to provide resources to young people during a very stressful time in their life. Access to mental health care is an issue beyond just schools, but having programs in schools that would promote access and help reduce stigma could help to prevent school shootings by addressing underlying issues before they manifest in violence.

2. What should the state do, that it isn't doing already, to combat drug use and reduce fatal overdoses?

The state needs to allocate resources to create more treatment programs, treatment beds and pathways into those treatment programs. Addressing supply, as was done in legislation passed earlier this year, is one side of the issue, but addiction will still exist and will lead to crime and other problems, as those seeking drugs resort to more desperate means to obtain them. The expansion of drug courts should be considered as a means of creating pathways into treatment programs. Further cooperation between local, state and federal law enforcement entities is still necessary to stem the flow of dangerous drugs like heroin and fentanyl into the state. While treatment programs for addicts will help ease the problem, harsh punishment for traffickers must be ensured in order to deter the supply of these narcotics.

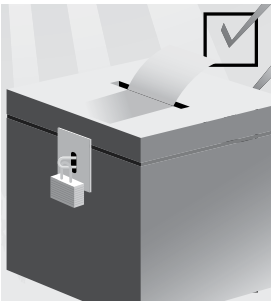


3. Is there too much waste in state government? If you could eliminate one program or policy, what would it be?

There is and will always be some waste in state government. The solution to rooting out waste can oftentimes be more expensive than waste itself. If identifiable waste is occurring, however, solutions must be identified that promote efficiency and save the taxpayers money. I would eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenders as both wasteful and harmful to the fight against opiate addiction. While traffickers and violent offenders should still receive stiff sentences, judges should be allowed to review sentences on a case-by-case basis. Society would be better served by allowing some drug offenders, perhaps through drug courts, to be placed into treatment programs rather than serving mandatory jail time.

4. What specifically makes you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

As a young, new face in this arena, I provide a fresh perspective and energy in tackling the issues important to the district. I intend to represent all of the constituents of the district, not just one party or special interests. Part of my commitment to the district is a focus on constituent services. As a former staffer in the state Senate, I know how important it is to help constituents navigate the policies of state government. This commitment means listening to the concerns of my constituents and voting in their best interest, not purely voting my own personal beliefs.



Vote by Nov. 8th

The Agawam Advertiser News sent letters to state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga and former Rep. Rosemary Sandlin, the two candidates in the race for state representative in the 3rd Hampden District, which includes Agawam. Their responses of up to 150 words each are printed on this page.

Candidates for State Representative

Rosemary Sandlin
 Democrat from Agawam
 Candidate for state representative, 3rd Hampden District

1. What is your proudest accomplishment from your previous terms as state representative?

- Filing and passing legislation to transfer the state-owned land on South Westfield Street to Soldier On for veterans housing.
- Fighting and winning equality for all.

2. In your time on Beacon Hill, when have you voted against the wishes of your party's leadership, and why?

I have voted against legislation that isn't in the best interest of my district.



3. If you could earmark an additional \$500,000 of state funds for this district, how would you spend it?

- Early Childhood Center construction for Agawam.
- Sidewalk improvements.
- Center to use for community drug prevention programs to help with the opioid problem.

4. What specifically makes you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

My ability to get bills through the Legislature and my dedication to my constituents, no matter how big or small.

Nicholas Boldyga
 Republican from Southwick
 Incumbent state representative, 3rd Hampden District

1. What is your proudest accomplishment from your previous terms as state representative?

As a legislator, I handle an array of issues on a daily basis. I'm proud of the \$800,000 of funding that our district has received through budget amendments that I've filed and successfully secured for local priorities. These priorities have included: safety upgrades for Agawam public schools — security cameras, door security upgrades, funding toward a school resource officer; completely renovating the Agawam Junior High School auditorium; classroom improvements and upgrades for Agawam; a new salt shed for Southwick; and upgrading the district's war memorials.

I also voted to allow towns to use Community Preservation funds for new projects like Agawam's School Street Park and the newly renovated Agawam High School athletic field complex. These projects used close to \$3 million of CPA funds.



I'm also proud of being named Hampden County's American Legion Legislator of the Year in 2014 for my efforts and advocacy on the behalf of our veterans!

2. In your time on Beacon Hill, when have you voted against the wishes of your party's leadership, and why?

One great thing about being a Republican on Beacon Hill is the freedom to vote however I want. I've never been told how to vote by my leadership team. I wish I could say the same for my friends across the aisle. One example that comes to mind is a recent piece of legislation that was hastily filed and targeted non-profit organizations' abilities to communicate their message to citizens. Several members of my party's leadership team voted for the legislation, but I did not. I voted against the legislation to protect a nonprofit organizations' ability to keep their contributors'

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The Agawam Fire Department responded to 76 EMS calls from Oct. 11 to Oct. 17, and the following emergency response calls.

On Oct. 11 at 8:30 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 12 at 9:04 a.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Oct. 12 at 1:09 p.m., the department responded to Corey Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Oct. 13 at 8:24 a.m., the department responded to Brookline Avenue for good intent call, other.

On Oct. 13 at 9:53 a.m., the department responded to N. Alhambra Circle for lock-in.

On Oct. 14 at 2:31 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 West for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Oct. 15 at 12:05 p.m., the department responded to Corey Colonial for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Oct. 15 at 1:43 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for motor vehicle/pedestrian accident.

On Oct. 16 at 12:07 p.m., the department responded to Main Street with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On Oct. 16 at 6:36 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle for detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Oct. 16 at 11:10 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service.

On Oct. 17 at 1:40 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Oct. 17 at 6:12 p.m., the department responded to Adams Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

POLICE LOG

Arrest logs were not received from the Agawam Police Department in time for the Agawam Advertiser News' deadline.

Early voting this Sat., next week

Early voting for the November election will continue in Agawam with weekend hours this Saturday and weekday hours all next week.

Any registered voter in Agawam or Feeding Hills may vote early, in person or by mail. Voting in person will be at Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Nov. 4; and during the following remaining dates and times at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.:

- Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 3-7 p.m.

On the ballot are candidates for United States president and vice-president, U.S. Congress, governor's councilor, county sheriff, state senator and state representative. Any voter who has not participated in early voting may go the polls on Election Day, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the traditional precinct polling places in Agawam.

To request an early voting ballot through the mail, fill out the application form at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele and mail it to Town Clerk, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

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identities and information confidential while effectively getting out their message. There are a lot of great nonprofits that do really good work and this legislation unfairly targeted them and their good work. Both small and large nonprofits will be forced to comply with this law and will be unfairly punished.

3. If you could earmark an additional \$500,000 of state funds for this district, how would you spend it?

I'd focus some of the funds on a downtown revitalization effort for Agawam. For example, I've heard from people over the years that they'd like to see the Walnut Street Extension area receive some much-needed attention. I'd like to see a revitalized area there where people and families could park their cars and walk to shops and restaurants. It would attract new businesses to Agawam and spur development. In turn, the town of Agawam would see increased revenues, which would keep any additional residential property tax hikes from happening. In Southwick and Granville, the funds could be used for needed road, culvert and sewer repairs.

4. What specifically makes you a better candidate for this position than your opponent?

As a homeowner, husband and father of three young children, I understand the issues that people and families face in our district. I was the first person in my family to go to college. I worked three jobs and took out student loans to earn my bachelor's degree, which I'm still paying off. I have a full-time district office; I'm always available and even provide my home telephone number so I can always be reached. I have secured \$800,000 in funding for school upgrades and local priorities throughout the district since taking office. I've proudly voted to lower taxes, cut wasteful spending, reform government and provide more opportunities for our veterans. I'm focused on ensuring our district and our commonwealth remain a great place to live, work and raise a family. I look forward to going back to Beacon Hill to continue serving the residents of Agawam, Granville

Cultural Council to meet on grants

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet twice in November to allocate \$11,600 in cultural grants.

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, and Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Guests are welcome to attend, but only members of the Cultural Council will participate in the discussion.

The funding for these grants comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The deadline to apply for grants was Oct. 17. Past grants have supported art exhibits, festivals, dramatic and musical performances, lectures, workshops, and school activities and trips, among others.

Lions Club raffle to benefit 'Tot Lot'

The Agawam Lions Club will conduct a calendar raffle with daily prize drawings throughout the month of November, to benefit the Perry Lane "Tot Lot" project.

Calendar raffle tickets will be available for purchase throughout the month of October. Tickets cost \$10 each and are available from any Agawam Lions Club member, Agawam Lioness member, or at www.agawamlions.org.

Daily prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500, in cash or gift cards, will be drawn every day in November. There is no limit on the number of times any individual may win. All winners will be notified by mail and will also be announced on www.agawamlions.org.

The club would like to express its gratitude to the following businesses that donated gift cards to their establishments for this calendar raffle — Casa di Lisa in Feeding Hills, Lattitude Restaurant in West Springfield, The Federal in Agawam, and the Delaney House in Holyoke.

To stay up to date on the Perry Lane Tot Lot fundraising efforts and upcoming events, follow the Agawam Lions Club on Facebook or visit www.agawamlions.org.

Mayor Cohen hosts coffee chat

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host Coffee with Mayor Cohen 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam.

Cohen will be available to answer questions, listen to ideas from residents and talk about what is happening in Agawam. Questions for the mayor may be submitted in advance to robin@westoftheriverchamber.com.

For more information about this event, contact the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

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worse than it was.

"Use of force is never pretty," said Connor. "But what our appeal is based on is the force used, and whether or not it conforms with the training the officers have received."

Connor said during the civil service hearing in early October, he reviewed the video frame-by-frame with Cohen. Connor said he is very confident that the video, when presented at the appeal hearing, will show the officers used appropriate force given the situation.

The process will take about five to six months, Connor said. The reason for the lengthy process is for each side to file briefs and because the Civil Service Commission, which hears cases from across the state, only meets a limited number of times per year. The officers are seeking full back pay for the amount of time missed.

An online petition has also been circulating, through the website change.org. It has 129 supporters and is supposed to be presented to Cohen. The petition states "We support the three Agawam Police officers," though it does not list any specific objective or call for action. Signatories of petition were not all from Agawam.

Criminal charges

The mayor said last week that he had forwarded all the details of the town's investigation, including the audio and visual recordings of the incident, to the Hampden County district attorney's office. District Attorney Anthony Gulluni refused to comment on whether he would pursue criminal charges against the officers.

According to City Solicitor Patrick Toney, the firing of the police officers was done through the civil service statute of Massachusetts General Laws, which included placing the officers on paid administrative leave pending the results of the investigation.

In order to ensure a thorough and neutral investigation, the police department also opted to contract APD

Friends' juried art show opens Nov. 1

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library will hold its Open Juried Art Show Nov. 1-25. The art show is held annually to benefit the Agawam Public Library and to help recognize and encourage artists.

An artist reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., with music and light refreshments. It is free and open to the public. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Saturday, Oct. 29, at 1 p.m., is the deadline for artists to enter the show and to drop off original artwork; a fee of \$30 per work applies. Artwork must be dropped off at the library between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday, or 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday. Jurying and judging will begin Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and is closed to the public.

The selection and awards jurors are Steve Wilda and Sandra Wakeen. The five categories are acrylics, oils, watercolors, pastels and other media (pencil drawing, charcoals, pen and inks, block prints, collage, encaustics).

The prospectus-entry form and a type-on entry form can be downloaded from www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends. Winning artwork from previous shows can be accessed from the same website.

Lions breakfast set for Oct. 30

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Agawam Lions Club will continue in the tradition of holding its annual Harvest Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Agawam Lions Club restaurant, the "Den" on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 10 and under, may be purchased at the door or in advance from any Agawam Lions Club member.

Parking is free and plentiful. Attendees are asked to use Gate 2, the Storowton Tavern entrance. When entering, inform the gate staff that you will be attending the Agawam Lions Club Harvest Breakfast. The Den is directly across from the Xfinity Arena, at the end of the Avenue of States.

For more information, follow the Agawam Lions Club on Facebook or visit www.agawamlions.org.

People of All Ages Read Newspapers

Management of Tewksbury, Mass., to conduct an investigation.

"It is fairly commonplace use a third party firm in use-of-force matter in order to avoid any conflict of interest issues that should arise," said Toney.

Toney said because the investigation into the incident is still ongoing, the APD report was not released to the public.

None of the Police Department's public statements about the investigation have given details about the incident. The department's arrest log listed just one arrest for June 19, however. According to the incident report filed with that case, David Desjardins of Baltic, Conn., was in the Hurricane Harbor section of the theme park when he reportedly became unhappy with a bartender who refused to serve him. Officers attempted to calm Desjardins. Desjardins allegedly became combative and swung and kicked at the officers. The report stated that officers used pepper spray to attempt to control Desjardins. The report states that Desjardins continued to struggle at the police station while being booked. According to a press release from Gillis, the excessive force incident occurred in the police station.

Desjardins was arraigned in June and is due back in court in December, according to court documents. His attorney did not return calls for comment.

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Tuesday, Nov. 1: French toast with syrup, turkey sausage, hash browns, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Chicken filet wrap with as-sorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Nov. 4: Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

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Monday, Oct. 31: Popcorn chicken with dipping sauce, whole-grain dinner roll, steamed rice, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: French toast sticks, cheese om-elet, hash browns, assorted fresh fruit, straw-berry cup.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Ziti with meat sauce, garlic knot, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Hamburger/cheeseburger, baked potato rounds, chickpea salad, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Nov. 4: French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday through Thursday, Oct. 31 to Nov. 1: As-sorted low-sugar cereal, assorted nutigrain bars, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

Friday, Nov. 2: Assorted pancakes with syrup, string cheese, fresh fruit, juice or milk.

Family Center pizza party this Friday

The West of the River Family Center will host a Kids Halloween Party from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Parents and children are invited for a night full of fun and games, including arts and crafts, spooky games, a costume contest, a pizza party with snacks, and Halloween candy.

This is a free event for WORFC members, with a \$5 drop-in fee for non-members.

The West of the River Family Center is at 63 Springfield St., Agawam. For more information, visit www.westoftheriver.org.

Gallagher hosting kids Halloween party

Gallagher Real Estate, at 351 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, will host a Halloween party for children up to age 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Parents are invited to bring their children in costume for candy, coloring, crafts, a gift for mom and dad and refreshments.

Kids who attend the party will receive a free pumpkin compliments of T. Russo Construction and Mapview Commons.

Kids invited to annual haunted house

Heritage Woods Senior Living will host its third annual Haunted House on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 462 Main Street, Agawam. Children are welcome to wear their costumes and take a walk through the haunted house. For more information, call 413-786-9704 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

AHS COUNSELING BULLETIN

Visiting college representatives

Students interested in meeting with any of the college or university representatives that will be visiting Agawam High School must sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center.

Information opportunities

Friday Oct. 28: Admissions staff members from more than 90 colleges and universities will be visiting Agawam High School for a college fair from 8:15 to 10 a.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity by preparing a list of questions to ask college representatives.

Open houses

Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the Counseling Center for more information.

Special interest programs

The American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications, both in-person, at Centers and over the phone (877-33-4348). Additionally, the Boston College Planning Center is holding FAFSA Workshops every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Federal Student Aid ID Workshops every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. More information is available by calling Kristi Pierce at 617-728-4608.

New England School of Photography is hosting an open house Saturday, Nov. 5. The NEOP Professional Photography Program is 100 percent focused on building working, professional photographers, offers an unparalleled comprehensive education in the art, technique, and business of photography. RSVP by Nov. 3 at openhouse@nesop.edu or 617-437-1868.

The Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance & Film is hosting an Open House for interested students on Friday, Nov. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 401-865-2327 for information on the program or to set up an audition/interview appointment.

Western New England Department of Social Work will be hosting an informational luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Learn about internships, meet with students and faculty, and explore professional career options with a BSW degree. To register, visit visit.wne.edu.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be hosting a Women in Aerospace Engineering program on Sunday, Nov. 6. Meet MIT students and professors, tour aerospace labs, learn practical aerospace skills, and hear about working in the industry. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to high school girls. Email wae-exec@mit.edu for more information.

New England Institute of Technology will be hosting a series of Career Education Days to help students learn more about their potential careers — Automotive Day, Oct. 21; Construction Day, Nov. 18; Engineering and Communications Day, March 3; Health Day, April 7. To register for any of these events go to NEIT.edu/CareerEducation.

Curry College is hosting an informative evening about the college search process, "Navigating the College Search for Students with Learning Differences" Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register, call Michelle Bracken at 617-333-2210 or email mbracken@curry.edu.

Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in each semester through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering the Advanced Placement Program to qualified students. Tuition is waived and students pay only a registration fee of \$20 and a technology fee of \$50. Registration for the spring 2017 semester should be submitted before Jan. 17. For more information, contact the registrar at 413-265-2314.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: Hendry David Thoreau Foundation; 2017 Profile in Courage Essay; Skidmore College; Ronald McDonald House Charities US Scholarship Program; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Big Y Scholarship; American College Foundation; Darcy B. Davis Scholarship.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Words of wisdom

"Get to know your professors in and out of the classroom. Even if you don't need a lot of help, attend some of their office hours and develop a relationship with them, especially the ones in your major. They are a wealth of information and the gateway to opportunities, including internships, employment, etc."

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Kane's canines put a face on dog causes

Dog owners, dog trainers, dog rescue groups, dog product vendors and — of course — dogs themselves came together on Oct. 8 at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The second annual Kanetoberfest, hosted by Kane's Krusade, gave man's best friend a chance to connect with some of his best friends, including several "celebrity dogs" and the East Longmeadow Dog Obedience Training Club, which sponsored a dog show.

The mission of Kane's Krusade is to improve the quality of life for dogs in the most underserved neighborhoods in

Western Massachusetts. Kane's Krusade keeps dogs with their families by directly addressing the root causes of surrender — economic, behavioral and tenant or insurance issues. The organization distributes CARE Kits (Canine Assistance, Resources and Empowerment) to families in need to help them care for their dogs in difficult times and prevent surrender to shelters.

For more information, visit www.kanetoberfest.com or contact kaneskrusade@gmail.com.



Above: Hudson the Railroad Puppy, 2015 American Humane Association Hero Therapy Dog of the Year.



Left: Cherry Garcia, one of the Vicktory dogs rescued from Michael Vick's dogfighting ring.



Kane, the namesake of Kane's Krusade.



Kane's Krusade volunteer Wynter Manyak with Casper the Therapy Dog, owned by Kane's Krusade volunteer Marie Jenkins.



Juno, of Juno's Place, one of several "celebrity dogs" in attendance. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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Aldo Mancini, left, chairman of the Agawam Veterans Council, and Mayor Richard Cohen installed one of the new Purple Heart Trail signs in front of Agawam Town Hall on Thursday, Oct. 13. The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by the Military Order of the Purple Heart to be a symbolic trail throughout all 50 states to commemorate and honor all men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; Agawam designated Main Street as a Purple Heart Trail last year. Cohen provided the sponsorship for this sign. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Safe learning environment

The junior firefighters learn about fire, rescue and emergency medical services in a safe, controlled and educational environment that's divided into three phases — entry, journeyman and leadership. The student's responsibilities increase as each phase is completed; to attain the next phase, students must show mastery of certain skills and complete a "capstone" project.

Basic firefighting skills, familiarization with the emergency vehicles, basic first-aid training, and an overview of the profession are covered in the entry phase. The journeyman phase brings scheduled "ride-alongs" to observe firefighters in action.

In the leadership phase, junior firefighters can take on roles of student leadership and assist senior Fire Department leadership in conducting drills. Student leaders may also be involved in future program development.

Students must maintain a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.7 (B-minus), attend 70 percent of all drills, and wear uniforms when participating in activities or training.

Pereira said the program gives students "a taste" of what firefighting actually entails. "The reality is a lot different than what people think it is," he said.

Sophomore Cameron Wood already has his career planned.

"When I go to college, I plan to get a degree in fire science," he said. "Ideally, I would like to become an Agawam firefighter. What draws me to firefighting is the thought of helping people and the community."

Wood, 15, said he's learning more about the profession he's wanted to join since he was a young boy. He's not only reviewed the history of firefighting, but also some of the firefighting equipment, including training on how to operate it.

"The instructors do a great job explaining how things work. They're really thorough and patient," he said. "We start off in the classroom learning about a new piece of equipment or technique. Then, in the other half, we work with that piece of equipment or technique. That's perfect — it keeps it fun and interesting."

'A family thing'

Jake Parent Jr. comes from a long line of Agawam firefighters, starting with his great-grandfather, who served as fire chief. He wants to follow in their footsteps to become a fourth-generation firefighter.

The 16-year-old sophomore joined the program because "it's kind of a family thing" to be a firefighter in Agawam. In addition to his great-grandfather, his grandfather was a deputy fire chief and his father serves on the call department.

It's part of his family's heritage, but Parent likes firefighting because it's a physical job with a lot of activity.

"I like that. I like action." He added that the program is "a good experience" for a career as a firefighter.

Agawam High School senior Brian Keefe said he's absorbing a variety of firefighting skills and techniques, such as search and rescue, hose line operations, and ladder work. Other skills include developing leadership abilities, leading and remaining levelheaded in stressful situations, and understanding personal limitations.

Inspired by his father, a retired Agawam firefighter-paramedic, Keefe has always wanted a fire service career. The 18-year-old now serves as a crew leader — a liaison between department instructors and students.

Keefe said the program has exceeded his expectations. "Firefighting is much different from the public's romanticized version. We're getting a very realistic look at the fire service. When people see firefighters enter a building they don't see them crawling on their hands and knees and searching in a pitch-black environment."

Ryan LaFountain, 17, also wants to be an Agawam firefighter. He was inspired by firefighters who rushed into the World Trade Center buildings during the 9/11 terrorist attack.

An assistant crew leader, the senior said he wants to be a firefighter because it involves more than running into burning buildings and rescuing people: "It's about making a difference in the world."



Agawam Fire Department training officer Frank Matuszczak reviews the correct technique for carrying a ladder before junior firefighters practice the procedure. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Junior firefighter Daryl Gagne, one of eight Agawam youths in the AFD's new junior firefighter program, practices the correct way to climb a ladder to reach the roof of a building.



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Brownies sweep away Falcons

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - The Minnechaug and Agawam girls' volleyball teams faced off this week with their berths in the postseason assured. Nut what is still up for grabs is their respective placement in the final seeding. The Brownies went a long way to improving their lot with a three-set sweep of the Falcons.

Both teams started the season quite well, winning their first four matches. The Falcons remained hot, winning their next six and on Oct. 5, they clinched a spot in the tournament. The Brownies also reached the 10-win mark on the fifth, but went 2-4 in those six and to leave them at 6-4. Since then, the teams have gone the other way. Agawam has won five in a row, counting the win over Minnechaug and are now in. The Falcons are 2-4 in that stretch. Less than two weeks ago, the Falcons were facing Amherst with a chance to take over the top spot. Now Agawam and Minnechaug are in a fight to see who gets the second seed and a probable bye in the first round.

The Brownies swept the match, but they may have set the tone in the first set, which they won 26-24. This one began with four straight points by the Brownies, before the Falcons could get on the board. From that 4-1 score, the teams went back and forth, with the margin running between three and six points. Agawam would score one or two and then Minnechaug would answer with three. Then it would go the other way. The Brownies got some great work at the net from Bianca Culhane and Caroline Hitchcock. Culhane, on the outside, would pick up a host of points with hits to the other end of the net. Hitchcock seemed to be going head to head with Michaela Cronin and they each had their moments of blocks and kills. Playing the role of cross court hitting for the Falcons was Alexsei Mendrala and dropping in key points were Zoe Tatro and Meg Giordano. As the set moved past the midpoint, Abby Viens and Gabby Harrison helped them separate and the Brownies got to 20 first. It looked as though they



Abby Viens makes a spike over the net.



Bianca Culhane makes a jumping hit over the net. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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FIELD HOCKEY

Caltabiana's late goal lifts Falcons over Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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WILBRAHAM - Trailing by a goal, the Agawam High School field hockey team worked hard over the final eight minutes to try and get the same result as their first meeting of the season against Minnechaug, a draw.

But in the final two minutes, three Agawam players were sent off the field on cards, creating an 11-on-8 advantage in the field and Minnechaug kept Agawam out of the goal and picked up a 3-2 win last Monday afternoon in a game with huge playoff implications.

The South League was locked up already by Longmeadow with two wins over Minnechaug, but the Falcons and Brownies were seeking to make a huge fight for second place.

Minnechaug appears to have won that fight with the big victory.

The two teams had their second matchup of the season at Minnechaug, where the ball travels about as fast as it does on an artificial turf field, something Agawam is starting learn more about with their new turf field.

With both teams in a 1-1 tie in the first half, Minnechaug was able to take the 2-1 lead early on in the second half.

After Agawam had spent some time controlling possession, a change in that momentum led the Falcons to their next goal. It



Bianca Toto makes a run up the field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

was Karalyn Jones who snuck a shot through on the left side of the goal to give the Falcons a 2-1 lead.

But it did not last too long.

Minnechaug would lose a player for five minutes on a second offense for touching the ball after the whistle was blown. The

five-minute penalty would give Agawam a one-player advantage and really came into play during a penalty corner with 13:24 remaining.

Eliza Timms would score on that play as she was stationed on

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FOOTBALL

Agawam's playoff chances hurt in shutout loss

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM - The Agawam High School football saw their playoff hopes dashed in just a matter of two weeks, and must now defeat Central in order to have a chance to make it into the tournament with a good enough Walker rating.

The Brownies were perfect in the AA Conference heading into their game against Chicopee Comprehensive.

But the Brownies lost in a battle of unbeatens and the Brownies followed that with a 20-0 shutout loss against Longmeadow.

Complicating matters for Agawam is their third loss this season, which was a non-conference game against Westfield. That game has major significance now because Westfield may be among the qualifying teams in Division 2.

Last Friday night, the Brownies offense was completely shut down against the Lancers, a team that has quietly made its way back into the playoff hunt with a couple of big wins.

Defense played a huge role for both teams as Longmeadow had only two major scoring drives the entire evening and one other big play.

In the first quarter, Longmeadow was able to make a drive down the field and finished off a scoring opportunity with an Isaiah Dubois five-yard run into the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

Agawam would attempt a couple of drives in the remainder of the first and through the second, but each time, the Brownies were turned away by Longmeadow. However, Agawam's defense kept the Brownies in the game until Longmeadow pushed the score up to 13-0 early in the second half.

Pinned up against their own end zone, Longmeadow's Joey Cosenzi would make a 90-yard rush to the end zone for the Lancers' second touchdown of the game.

Agawam's offense continued to threaten, but constantly came up short. The Lancers would ice the game with another long drive, ending with a Cosenzi one-yard run for a score.

Mike Basile had one of his toughest starts of the season for Agawam. He went 3-for-13 for just 39 yards. He threw four interceptions. He ran for 59 yards on his own. Morassi was very limited by the Lancer defense, going just 17 positive yards on 14 carries. Morassi did pick up an interception on defense.

Agawam drops to 4-3 overall with a 2-2 AA Conference record. They close out their regular season with a home game against Central at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28. Depending on the result, the Brownies will be in playoff or non-playoff action the following week. Agawam has not played a non-playoff game since the new playoff format was instituted three seasons ago.

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had the set in-hand, when they took a 21-16 lead. But the Falcons were not giving it up easily. Behind Tatro and Mendrala, they chipped away, closing to 22-21 on a Tatro kill. After her serve went long, the Falcons got back to one when the Brownies erred on a serve. A Paige Hardy kill made it 24-22, set point. Two points later, a Cronin kill tied it up. Agawam got back the lead on a net serve and then won it on a Hitchcock kill.

The second set started the same way, 4-0 for Agawam, except after the Falcons scored their first point on a Cronin tip, they added two more, with a Mendrala ace making it 4-3. Again, much like the first set, the teams went back and forth with there two or three points here and then the same on the other end. Instead of the margin staying in the five or six-point range, it was more in the two or three. Occasionally, the Brownies got it to four, 9-5 and 10-6. The Falcons came back and closed to a point at 11-10 and finally caught the Brownies on a kill by Cronin, 13-13. Later, the Brownies

would score four straight points, taking a 23-22 lead on a Culhane kill. After she had a tip to put them up 24-23, the Falcons returned a volley too long and Agawam had won 25-23. They took a 2-0 lead and had a control of the match.

The Brownies led the finale from start to finish. They took a 2-0 lead on a Hitchcock kill. After 2-1, it went to 4-1 on a Culhane kill. A hardy ace made it 6-2 and the margin got to five at 11-5 on a Hitchcock kill. The Falcons got the next three, Cronin's kill cutting it to 11-8. Hitchcock got it back to five at 13-8. Minnechaug had it best run, scoring five of the next six points. Cronin had three with a tip, a block and a kill. The Falcons were down by a point at 14-13, but was as close as they would get. The Brownies had a run of their own, scoring six of the next seven to give them their biggest lead of six, 20-14. Culhane and Hitchcock had kills and Viens made two aces in a row. the teams traded points the rest of the way and the Brownies finished it out with an ace by Hitchcock for the 25-18 match winner.



Paige Hardy gets the bump.



Maddy Lockwood comes up with a set.

Last week's scores

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Golf
East Longmeadow 149, Agawam 165

Girls Volleyball
Agawam 3, Minnechaug 0

Boys Cross Country
Agawam 21, East Longmeadow 34

Girls Cross Country
Agawam 26, East Longmeadow 31

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Boys Soccer
Agawam 2, Amherst 1

Girls Soccer
Longmeadow 2, Agawam 1

Golf
Agawam 153, Amherst 157

Thursday, Oct. 20

Field Hockey
Agawam 2, Amherst 1

Girls Volleyball
Agawam 3, Turners Falls 1

Friday, Oct. 21

Football
Longmeadow 20, Agawam 0

Boys Soccer
Agawam 2, Belchertown 1

Girls Soccer
West Springfield 2, Agawam 0

Monday, Oct. 24

Girls Soccer
Agawam 3, Westfield 0

Field Hockey
Agawam 1, Mahar 0

Agawam plays to draw

CHICOPEE – Last Monday evening, the Agawam girls soccer team played to a scoreless draw with Chicopee Comprehensive in a key league game. With the tie and a win over Westfield in their season finale, the Brownies have qualified for the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.



Jess Bonfiglio tries to head off a ball in Agawam's end. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEET-DOGPHOTOS.COM



Allie Wysocki tries to chase down a loose ball.



Caitlyn Shean dribbles up the field.



Bailey Laviolette nails a header.



Sarah Carron tries to make a move for the goal.

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the left post and Emily Oliver's pass from the right side was re-directed in to make it 2-2 with 40 seconds remaining in the penalty.

Agawam would go right back on the attack, but failed to score with the remaining advantage time.

The Brownies would get another penalty corner with 11 minutes remaining, but Nina Bruno's hard shot went off the goal-keeper's pad to keep the tie going.

Minnechaug would score the winning goal in transition when Hannah Garvey fed Sarah Caltabiana. She made a great re-direct into the goal for a 3-2 lead.

The Brownies tried feverishly to grab the tying goal, forcing the ball up the field every chance they could during the final eight minutes of the game, but the Minnechaug defense would turn Agawam away each time. When the penalties occurred in the final three minutes, it hurt Agawam's chances even more.

With the win combined with a 1-0 win over Westfield and a loss to Longmeadow, the Falcons are 9-2-5 for the season. The Falcons, in a playoff preview, lost to Longmeadow 1-0 last Friday afternoon.

Agawam is 11-3-1 for the season. The Brownies will meet Longmeadow and Westfield, both at home, in their final action of the regular season.



Kristen Fellion tries to get around the Minnechaug offense to clear the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Camille Aliosi clears the ball away from Agawam's defensive end.



Eliza Timms takes a free hit.

Public Notices

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Rowley Street Development Trust for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for property on Rowley Street (D'Amato Way).

By Order of **Mark R. Paleologopoulos**, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
10/20,10/27/16

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Glenn J. Consolini** to 360 Federal Credit Union dated May 16, 2013 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19830 at Page 328 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the

purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 35 Ruth Avenue, Agawam, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:
The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated at Lot 26 on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 41, Page 65, being bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Ruth Avenue, Eighty (80) feet;
EASTERLY by Lot 27 (Twenty-Seven) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet;
SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of one Summer C. Schwartz et ux Eighty (80) feet; and
WESTERLY by Lot 25 (Twenty-Five) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet.

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Being the same premises

conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed dated May 2, 2013 and recorded in said Registry in Book 19830, Page 326.

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Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) by cash, certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. This sale is subject to a 5% buyer's premium. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Mortgagee's law offices within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed

will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms will be announced at the sale.

360 Federal Credit Union,
Present holder
of said mortgage,
By its Attorney,
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**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD16P1802GD
In the matter of:
James Sebolt
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated
Person
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED**

PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Country Estates of Agawam** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **James Sebolt** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Vivian Williams** of Springfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 11/03/2016. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition.

If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 06, 2016
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/27/16

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Friday, Oct. 28

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY hosted by the West of the River Family Center, 63 Springfield St., Agawam, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Parents and children are invited for arts and crafts, spooky games, a costume contest, a pizza party with snacks, and Halloween candy. Free for WOR-FC members; \$5 for non-members.

LOCAL ARTIST DENISE GRIFFIN will offer an adult watercolor painting workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Southwick Public Library's Community Room, 95 Feeding Hills Road. \$15 per person, with a portion to be donated to the library. All necessary materials provided.

"WHY BUY NON-GMO PRODUCTS? THE INSIDE SCOOP ON THE GMO SUBJECT" presented by Reuben Leinbach, creamery manager at Cream of the Crop Farm, at 7 p.m. at the Granville Federated Church, 16 Granby Road. A free will donation will be accepted.

THE TSASA OCTOBERFEST HORSE SHOW from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Sunday in Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

QUEENSBORO KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Saturday, Oct. 29

HAUNTED HOUSE at Heritage Woods Senior Living from 2 to 4 p.m. at 462 Main St., Agawam. Children are welcome to wear costumes and take a walk through the haunted house. For more information, call 413-786-9704 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

A HALLOWEEN PARTY for children up to age 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gallagher Real Estate, 351 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam. Parents are invited to bring their children in costume for candy, coloring, crafts, a gift for mom and dad and refreshments. Free pumpkins for kids courtesy of T. Russo Construcion and Maplevlew Commons.

A HALLOWEEN PARTY in the Tolland Public Safety Complex, 206 W. Granville Road. The party is open to the public and will feature a hayride, juggler, arts and crafts and snacks and pumpkin carving.

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382 at 47 N. West Street in Feeding Hills will hold an indoor tag and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

"A WALK WITH SOUTHWICK SPIRITS" will be held at the Old Southwick Cemetery at 2 p.m. Local people in costume will tell stories about the people buried in the cemetery. Park at the New Southwick Cemetery and wear comfortable shoes. \$5 for adults to benefit the Southwick History Museum. For more information, contact Connie at 413-569-6140.

ANTIQUE AND MODERN FIREARMS SHOW today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$11 with online coupon; children under 12 free with parent/guardian.

Sunday, Oct. 30

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB HARVEST BREAKFAST from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under, available at the door or from any Lions Club members. Free parking.

THE RIVERHEAD KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

COFFEE WITH MAYOR COHEN from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Hosted by West of the River Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

THE DIVERSITY SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with featured speaker John B. Herrington, astronaut and retired U.S. Navy commander, at 10 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Nov. 3

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "How to Recall Trauma and Tragedy: The Memorial de la Resistance in Troyes, France" featuring Dr. Simon P. Sibelman, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Nov. 4

THE SMALL PLANET DANCERS will perform at the Agawam Senior Center at 7 p.m. as part of the Applause Series presented by the Agawam Cultural Council. The Senior Center is at 954 Main St. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.agawamcc.org.

Saturday, Nov. 5

A ZUMBATHON hosted by the West of the River Family Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit Baystate Children's Hospital. Multiple instructors for the dance fitness program will be on hand at the gym, 63 Springfield St., Agawam. Free for members; \$5 for non-members.

SEVENTH ANNUAL FIBER FESTIVAL OF NEW ENGLAND today from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is \$7 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CRAFT FAIR from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 1st Congregational Church at the rotary in East Longmeadow. Lunch available. Free parking.

Sunday, Nov. 6

THE SUFFIELD AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION will hold an open house to celebrate 40 years of service to the Southwick-Suffield community from 1 to 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 7

AUTHORTALK WITH GARRY BROWN, author of "Garry Brown's Greatest Hits," at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Books will be available for purchase and signing. To register, call 413-789-1550 ext. 4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

THE OVATION SPEAKERS SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with MB Caschetta, renowned author of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender literature, at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 10

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "William Merritt Chase: An Old-Fashioned American Modernist" featuring Gloria Russell, art historian, lecturer, writer and teacher, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For

information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Nov. 12

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway, Southwick.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC at Granville Federated Church, 16 Granby Road featuring local guitarists Jesse, John and Zeker with music ranging from classical guitar to contemporary rock to roll to gospel, at 7 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted.

Sunday, Nov. 13

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND VENDOR NIGHT from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Proceeds from the event will help support the school's Washington D.C. Club trip.

Thursday, Nov. 17

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "WWI Nurse Edith Cavell's Fate: Decision or Destiny" featuring Terri Arthur, British nurse, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Nov. 19

SACRED HEART OF CHRISTMAS Craft Bazaar from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food on Saturday. Free parking available behind the church for all. For more information, call 413-569-0162. The church is at 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick.

ALL-DAY CARD WORKSHOP to benefit the Westfield Athenaeum at the Central Baptist Church, 115 Elm St., Westfield from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All materials provided. Advance registration required. Participants should bring their own lunch, or money to order from Two Rivers Burritos. To register, contact Sandra at stampinsandra@comcast.net.

"UNDERSTANDING YOUR BEST FRIEND" with Phil Klein, certified dog listener, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Suffield Senior Center, 145 Bridge St. Bring questions, but not your dog, to this free program. Register at 860-668-3896 or online at suffield-library.org.

Saturday, Dec. 3

ANNUAL HOLLY BAZAAR at Southwick Congrega-

tional Church, 488 College Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is open every Thursday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 6. Free parking available. ADA accessible. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit, honey and bee products, goats' meat and milk products, baked goods, wine, wood crafts, dairy and more. SNAP customers receive up to \$10 match in purchasing benefit weekly.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE WESTFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB's clubhouse is available for rentals for wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, graduation celebrations, and birthday and anniversary parties by the hour or the day. For more information, Lilian at 413-568-2916.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needleworkers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

West of the River Family Center

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Weekdays: 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m

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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

November schedule

Mondays: Oct. 31: 9 a.m., Tabata, weight circuit; 10 a.m., total body; 11 a.m., Chair Fit; 4:30 p.m., kids open gym; 5:40 p.m., stretch and relaxation; 6:45 p.m., Zumba.

Tuesdays: 6:30 a.m., AM cardio/strength; 9 a.m., strength and core for arthritis; 9:30 a.m., turbo cardio; 10:30 a.m., weight circuit; 5 p.m., Kids

Xtreme; 6 p.m., Tabata; 6:50 p.m., Zumba.

Wednesdays: 9 a.m., boot camp circuit, weight circuit; 10 a.m., total body; 11 a.m., Chair Fit; 4:30 p.m., kids open gym; 5:30 p.m., YogaFit; 6:45 p.m., Zumba.

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Saturdays: 9 a.m., Zumba; 10 a.m., high intensity workout.

Sundays: 10 a.m., YogaFit.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the Tax Collector's Office, Agawam City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of the general Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE City of Agawam the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

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Ext. 8712 Laurel Placzek, Collector-Treasurer
Ext. 8710 AnnMarie Hartmann, Assistant Collector**

ADORNATO LINNEA M,
BUILDING located at 12 D MANSION WOODS in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor's Map I1003012D, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17768-280. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,312.15.

ALFARAJ AHLAM,
BUILDING located at 418 MEADOW ST 8B in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor's Map M120B008B, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19335-2. Tax for FY-2016 \$442.84.

ALLEN DEBORAH A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 240 LINE ST in AGAWAM, containing .696 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H11010027, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17856-295. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,865.66.

ATWATER CLAYTON C L/T,
ATWATER JUNE O L/T+,
LAND & BUILDING located at 79 ELBERT RD in AGAWAM, containing .280 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L10010006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 14837-479. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,003.01.

BAINVILLE TOOMEY PROPERTIES LL,
LAND located at PARCE ROBIN RIDGE DR in AGAWAM, containing .054 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map E15010017, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17412-353. Tax for FY-2016 \$44.52.

BAINVILLE TOOMEY PROPERTIES LL,
LAND located at PARCE ROBIN RIDGE DR in AGAWAM, containing .086 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map E15040015, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 16959-414. Tax for FY-2016 \$106.36.

BOBROWSKI THOMAS J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 57 FERNWOOD DR in AGAWAM, containing .354 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J07010007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 14862-581. Tax for FY-2016 \$826.90.

BRAICA ELEANOR M,
BRAICA WILLIAM K,
LAND & BUILDING located at 71 BRIDGE ST in AGAWAM, containing .510 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I17060001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 3705-/25. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,498.56.

BRANCIERI SARA L,
BUILDING located at 6 COREY COLONIAL in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor's Map L11050006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19690-146. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,962.65.

BROWN PAULINE M,
Subsequent Owner: BROWN TODD K,
LAND & BUILDING located at 128 NORTH WEST ST in AGAWAM, containing 6.620 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C10020002, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20910-105. Tax for FY-2016 \$3,482.44.

BUTLER PHILLIP T TR,
THE BUTLER 2011 IRREVOCABLE T,
LAND & BUILDING located at 60 LEY ST in AGAWAM, containing .324 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J13020036, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18979-429. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,262.57.

CAVANAUGH PATRICK F,
CAVANAUGH VICTORIA,
LAND & BUILDING located at 26 LAWNWOOD ST in AGAWAM, containing .368 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L06050004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5859-/96. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,227.43.

CENTRACCHIO DAVID J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 53 RAMAH CIR SOUTH in AGAWAM, containing .585 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J14010007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 9919-/396. Tax for FY-2016 \$9,247.45.

CHLASTAWA JOHN J L/T,
WHITNEY LAURIE J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 23 MOUNTAINVIEW ST in AGAWAM, containing .215 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H08040005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 13234-5. Tax for FY-2016 \$369.43.

COUTURE NORMAND P L/T,
COUTURE PAUL G,
LAND & BUILDING located at 19 NILE AV in AGAWAM, containing .280 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K10040003, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18460-281. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,484.46.

DANIELS STEPHEN W,
LAND & BUILDING located at 37 PORTER DR in AGAWAM, containing .333 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I08020017, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15043-540. Tax for FY-2016 \$732.52.

DAUDELIN ALFRED S,
DAUDELIN THERESA M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 58 ROYAL LN in AGAWAM, containing .321 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H13080013, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 2311-/193. Tax for FY-2016 \$303.77.

DECORATIVE SPECIALTIES INTERNA,
LAND located at VALLEY ST in AGAWAM, containing 1.050 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H17010004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 7695-/388. Tax for FY-2016 \$197.74.

DIDUK PAUL L/T,
DIDUK ROBERT D,
LAND & BUILDING located at 18 SOUTH ST in AGAWAM, containing .344 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K03020010, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15113-428. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,013.41.

DINGS-THIBAUT KELLY TR,
GATES CRAIG TR,
LAND & BUILDING located at 286 SOUTH ST in AGAWAM, containing 15.500 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J04010011, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17409-416. Tax for FY-2016 \$5,563.48.

DRISCOLL TIMOTHY,
Subsequent Owner: HAQ ZAHOOR UL,
LAND & BUILDING located at 551 MAIN ST in AGAWAM, containing 1.312 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K11060004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20911-75. Tax for FY-2016 \$6.08.

DRZAL THOMAS J,
DRZAL DIANE M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 143 HENDOM DR in AGAWAM, containing .747 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C07030008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 4138-/70. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,511.80.

ELIZABETH MANOR APARTMENTS LLC,
LAND & BUILDING located at 238 MAPLE ST in AGAWAM, containing 1.700 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I15030006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 16803-47. Tax for FY-2016 \$9,010.87.

FINLEY VIRGINIA,
SPEAR WM ELIZABETH LOUISE,
LAND located at LOT2 SOUTH WEST ST in AGAWAM, containing .606 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C07020006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 8945-/319. Tax for FY-2016 \$171.90.

FORD LEIGH DURLAND,
LAND & BUILDING located at 465 NORTH ST in AGAWAM, containing .278 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G13010008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5637-/386. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,041.33.

GOULET RONALD C L/T,
GOULET JEFFREY P,
LAND & BUILDING located at 18 BLACKSMITH RD in AGAWAM, containing .470 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D11030004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15490-57. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,828.83.

GOYETTE RAYMOND C,
GOYETTE PATRICIA C,
LAND & BUILDING located at 104 WALNUT ST in AGAWAM, containing .500 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J16050003, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 2299-/400. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,838.02.

GRADY HEATHER,
AUSTIN CHRISTOPHER,
LAND & BUILDING located at 56 LEALAND AV in AGAWAM, containing .110 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K10090008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15535-163. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,312.35.

GRADY HEATHER,
AUSTIN CHRISTOPHER,
LAND located at CARR AV in AGAWAM, containing .160 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K10090009, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15535-163. Tax for FY-2016 \$137.28.

GRADY HEATHER,
AUSTIN CHRISTOPHER,
LAND located at LEALAND AV in AGAWAM, containing .110 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K10090017, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15535-163. Tax for FY-2016 \$103.88.

GRASSO IRENE G, C/O CYNTHIA RACKLIFFE
LAND located at MEADOW LOT in AGAWAM, containing 2.500 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L14010005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 1991-/375. Tax for FY-2013 167.01, FY-2014 166.48, FY-2015 168.51, FY-2016 \$173.23.

HATHORNE MELISSA M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 1083 SUFFIELD ST in AGAWAM, containing .637 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I06020010, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 16938-436. Tax for FY-2016 \$4,734.48.

HEARN WAYNE T,
HEARN SUSAN A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 67 YALE AV in AGAWAM, containing .660 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map E11040007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19936-155. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,374.39.

HEARN WAYNE T,
HEARN SUSAN A,
LAND located at LOTD YALE AV in AGAWAM, containing .584 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map E11040010, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18106-304. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,000.75.

HOPPE MEGAN P,
HOPPE DEAN H,
LAND & BUILDING located at 32 RALPH ST in AGAWAM, containing .233 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G12070008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 14060-298. Tax for FY-2016 \$409.20.

HUTCHINS DOROTHEA E,
C/O DORENE AYOTTE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 7 ELSIE ST in AGAWAM, containing .130 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J13060009, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 2273-/550. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,089.51.

KASHIF MOHAMMAD,
LAND & BUILDING located at 311 SOUTHWICK ST in AGAWAM, containing .140 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C09050026, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19322-201. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,068.11.

KIRBY JOHN J,
KIRBY HOLLY A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 179 COUNTRY RD in AGAWAM, containing .370 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I13010001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5626-/155. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,335.70.

KOZHENEVSKY ANATOLY,
LAND located at REAR VALLEY ST in AGAWAM, containing .370 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I17010012, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19336-458. Tax for FY-2016 \$30.21.

LABOSCO DOROTHEA J TR,
DJL REALTY NOMINEE TRUST,
LAND & BUILDING located at 490 SCHOOL ST in AGAWAM, containing .611 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map N11010004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18843-412. Tax for FY- 2015 1500.25, FY-2016 \$2,494.05.

LEBLANC MARK,
LEBLANC LARA W,
LAND & BUILDING located at 304 SILVER ST in AGAWAM, containing .410 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I08020007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17995-502. Tax for FY-2016 \$680.07.

LEE KYUNG H,
BUILDING located at 120 REGENCY PARK in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor's Map M13020120, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20064-78. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,331.86.

LETELLIER MARYANNE M L/T,
LETELLIER WALTER T L/T,
LAND & BUILDING located at 150 MAPLE ST in AGAWAM, containing .580 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I16020003, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 12994-349. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,022.21.



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LEWIS DEBORAH A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 387 NORTH ST in AGAWAM,
containing .344 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G13050018,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
9903-/263. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,394.37.

LIQUORI ANTONIO P,
LAND & BUILDING located at 700 COOPER ST in AGAWAM,
containing 4.365 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H11020014,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
10742-327. Tax for FY-2016 \$7,288.44.

MARONA RICHARD W L/T,
HOFFMAN CHARLES N,
LAND & BUILDING located at 65 DAY ST in AGAWAM, containing
.230 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H13090025, recorded at
HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17439-71.
Tax for FY-2016 \$2,581.69.

MARTIN ARETHA S,
BUILDING located at 28 SHERI LANE ESTATES in AGAWAM, shown
on Assessor's Map H13090030, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY
REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 13489-9139. Tax for FY-2016
\$874.57.

MATZ LEONARD,
C/O RWB REALTY LLC,
Subsequent Owner: RWB REALTY LLC,
LAND located at CHURCHILL AV in AGAWAM, containing 1.300
ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D13060001, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 16478-428. Tax for
FY-2016 \$6.36.

MELLONI KAREN,
LAND & BUILDING located at 172 SCHOOL ST in AGAWAM,
containing .690 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L10040009,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
11066-578. Tax for FY-2016 \$4,080.25.

MENARD LISSA A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 50 NORMAN TR in AGAWAM,
containing .172 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H13030003,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
16051-538. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,237.06.

MENARD MELVINA M,
BUILDING located at 80 BEEKMAN DR in AGAWAM, shown on
Assessor's Map L11060080, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY
REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 10010-235. Tax for FY-2016
\$11.22.

MERCER ISLAND REALTY INC,
LAND & BUILDING located at 541 SPRINGFIELD ST in AGAWAM,
containing .489 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H13100012,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
8960-/528. Tax for FY-2016 \$58.02.

MERCHANT EVELYN M,
MERCHANT NEILL W,
LAND & BUILDING located at 76 HARVEY JOHNSON DR in AGAWAM,
containing .373 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K12030004,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
5027-/149. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,699.32.

MOLBURY RICHARD D,
MOLBURY KAREN S,
LAND & BUILDING located at 20 SHELLEY LN in AGAWAM,
containing .978 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C09050027,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
6328-/129. Tax for FY-2016 \$2.74.

MONGEAU JESSICA L,
LAND & BUILDING located at 33 SUNNYSLOPE AV in AGAWAM,
containing .200 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K01040006,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
17537-256. Tax for FY-2016 \$101.58.

MURPHY PAMELA M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 70 GIFFIN PL in AGAWAM,
containing .689 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G11050006,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
19698-44. Tax for FY-2016 \$793.29.

MURPHY TERRENCE J,
MURPHY NANCY D,
LAND & BUILDING located at 38 SCHOOL ST in AGAWAM,
containing .240 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L10020006,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
4638-/7. Tax for FY-2016 \$812.46.

MURPHY TIMOTHY,
CANNAVINO JILL,
LAND & BUILDING located at 22 LAKE VIEW CR in AGAWAM,
containing .460 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I09030007,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
LC328/53. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,552.51.

O'NEIL JOHN,
WALEN DONNA,
LAND & BUILDING located at 90 STEWART LN in AGAWAM,
containing .207 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K11020011,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
19975-122. Tax for FY-2016 \$703.28.

PALMER E STEPHEN D,
PALMER JANET G K,
LAND & BUILDING located at 377 SOUTH WEST ST in AGAWAM,
containing 15.000 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C06010002,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
8868-/333. Tax for FY-2016 \$6,010.51.

PELLEGRINO BRIAN A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 63 WILLIAM ST in AGAWAM,
containing .230 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G10020005,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
15984-343. Tax for FY-2016 \$575.37.

POLMATIER JAMES V JR,
POLMATIER ALICE M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 15 PETERSON CR in AGAWAM,
containing .720 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C18030014,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
4685-204. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,965.15.

REIPRICH PAUL G,
LAND & BUILDING located at 837 NORTH WESTFIELD ST in AGA-
WAM, containing .850 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D16010009,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
6585-/9. Tax for FY-2016 \$634.76.

REIPRICH PAUL G,
LAND located at NORTH WESTFIELD ST in AGAWAM, containing
1.550 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D16010010, recorded at
HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6585-/9. Tax
for FY-2016 \$386.50.

RUBYJAMES R,
C/O WIN WIN PROPERTIES LLC,
Subsequent Owner: 70 MILFORD STREET REALTY TR,
LAND & BUILDING located at 83 COOLEY ST in AGAWAM,
containing .126 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I17050015,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
20816-37. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,045.01.

RUSSO THOMAS J JR,
LAND & BUILDING located at 204 SUFFIELD ST in AGAWAM,
containing 1.860 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J13010007,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
4880-/230. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,878.74.

SAFFER SUMNER R,
BUILDING located at 97 BEEKMAN DR in AGAWAM, shown on
Assessor's Map L11060097, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY
REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 12420-598. Tax for FY-2016
\$2,247.36.

SARDELLA JEANNE W L/T,
SARDELLA RICHARD MICHAEL,
LAND & BUILDING located at 68 HASTINGS ST in AGAWAM,
containing .344 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G11130001,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
19974-257. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,018.47.

SARNO JAMES A,
BUILDING located at 6 D MANSION WOODS in AGAWAM, shown on
Assessor's Map I1003006D, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY
REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 7812-/387. Tax for FY-2016
\$629.19.

SAVONIN SERGEY,
BUILDING located at 22 MOORE ST in AGAWAM, shown on
Assessor's Map I17010022, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY
REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15745-116. Tax for FY-2016
\$822.26.

SCHEBEL DONALD J,
SCHEBEL PENNY M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 4 RALPH ST in AGAWAM, containing
.275 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G12070037, recorded at
HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17970-271.
Tax for FY-2016 \$308.97.

SCHEBEL JOSEPH F,
LAND & BUILDING located at 71 COLUMBIA DR in AGAWAM,
containing .344 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map E11080012,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
10438-547. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,492.99.

SELIMI RAME,
SELIMI ILIR,
LAND & BUILDING located at VIRGINIA ST in AGAWAM, containing
.165 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J14060010, recorded at
HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20410-128.
Tax for FY-2016 \$393.28.

SHABAYEV ANTON,
LAND & BUILDING located at 73 KANAWHA AV in AGAWAM,
containing .390 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K01060004,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
18369-57. Tax for FY-2016 \$494.69.

SHAMBLIN JEANNA M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 88 LETENDRE AV in AGAWAM,
containing .208 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G13080008,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
13048-259. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,194.66.

SKORUPSKI CAROL A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 7 RUTH AV in AGAWAM, containing
.230 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map M09020020, recorded at
HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20179-20.
Tax for FY-2016 \$506.39.

SZAFRAN CYNTHIA A,
SZAFRAN LEON G,
LAND & BUILDING located at 16 HUNTER'S GREENE CR in AGAWAM,
containing .632 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I03020017,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
11895-67. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,239.05.

T RUSSO CONSTRUCTION CORP,
LAND located at 260 GARDEN ST in AGAWAM, containing 2.200
ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G08010017, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18270-456. Tax for
FY-2016 \$2,866.62.

T RUSSO CONSTRUCTION CORP,
LAND located at 358 COREY ST in AGAWAM, containing 5.520
ACRES shown on Assessor's Map M12020001, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19239-65. Tax for
FY-2016 \$5,139.28.

THE DEITELBAUM FAMILY IRREVOCA,
PENNA SUSAN TR,
Subsequent Owner: DEITELBAUM DOLORES,
LAND & BUILDING located at 84 FOREST RD in AGAWAM,
containing .361 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K05020022,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
20730-364. Tax for FY-2016 \$756.14.

TORAN REALTY CORP,
C/O TOM RUSSO,
LAND located at RAMAH CIR NORTH in AGAWAM, containing 1.900
ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I14050019, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 4460-/233. Tax for
FY-2016 \$205.91.

VANDOMO ARTHUR G TR,
THE ARTHUR G VANDOMO REVOCABLE,
LAND located at REAR SOUTH WEST ST in AGAWAM, containing
.320 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map B03030033, recorded at
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Tax for FY-2016 \$55.81.

VANDOMO ARTHUR G TR,
THE ARTHUR G VANDOMO REVOCABLE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 655 SOUTH WEST ST in AGAWAM,
containing .450 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map B04010003,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
16106-46. Tax for FY-2016 \$631.53.

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THE ARTHUR G VANDOMO REVOCABLE,
LAND & BUILDING located at REAR SOUTH WEST ST in AGAWAM,
containing .650 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map B04010010,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
16106-48. Tax for FY-2016 \$60.57.

WIDMER KENNETH R,
WIDMER CAROLYN A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 129 PARKER ST in AGAWAM,
containing .533 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K11010017,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
2942-/277. Tax for FY-2016 \$1,700.03.

ZYMROZ REALTY, LLC,
Subsequent Owner: ZYMROZ REALTY LLC,
LAND & BUILDING located at 793 SILVER ST in AGAWAM,
containing 2.403 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G05030001,
recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page
17166-256. Tax for FY-2016 \$2,030.85.

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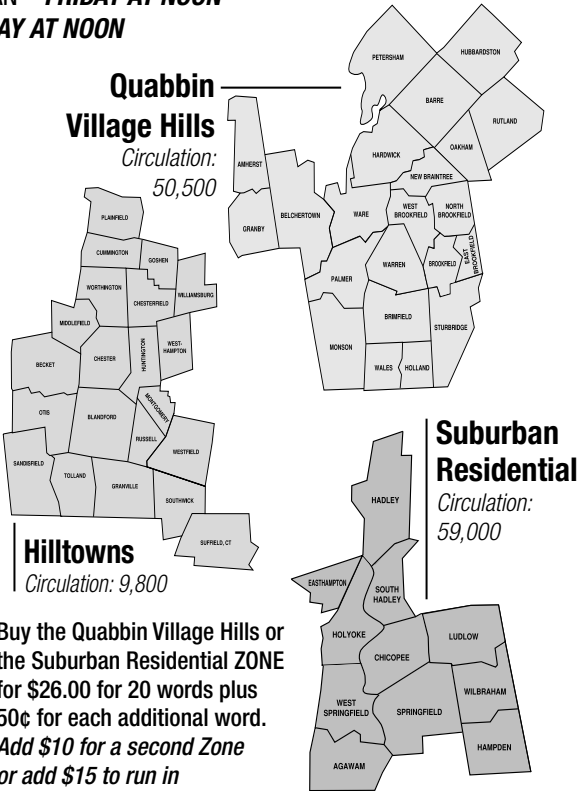
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Our Town



Tractors in town

Left: Walter Thayer of Hatfield brought his family and his antique tractors to the second annual tractor show benefitting the Agawam Historical Association, held Oct. 8 at E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills. With him are his daughter Janice Fedor, granddaughters Amber and Lauren Fedor — all from Agawam — and Avis Fuselc of Hatfield, as well as his restored 1955 Farmall. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Right: Looking at several Ford tractors brought back some memories for Agawam resident John Bodurtha as he reads the description on a restored 1955 Ford 841 tractor.



Credit union opens



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Oct. 20 for the Holyoke Credit Union at 14 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Among those attending the celebration were, left to right, Cecilia Calabrese, city councilor; HCU Board of Directors members Robert Perkins, Nicholas Fiorentino, Dennis Moran and Anne Marie Marona; Michael Murphy, HCU president and CEO; Mayor Richard Cohen; HCU Board of Directors member Robert Swan; John Moriarty, constituent services aide for state Sen. Don Humason; Phil Kleinbohl, legislative director for state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga; HCU Board of Directors member Robert Ferrier; Agawam City Council President James Cichetti; and Robert Rossi, city councilor. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cecchi recognized by statewide preservation group

Preservation Massachusetts, the state's historic preservation advocacy organization, has announced the recipients of the 2016 K. Julie McCarthy Community Spirit Awards, which will be presented at the Believe in Preservation event Nov. 3 at the Worcester Historical Museum. Among this year's recipients is David Cecchi of the Agawam Historical Commission.

This award, created in 2010, recognizes individuals and groups who are committed to their communities and are active in efforts to preserve buildings or historic char-

acter, or educate about the importance of historic preservation. It was recently renamed in honor of K. Julie McCarthy, founder and president of the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House, a group dedicated to preserving that town's iconic landmark building.

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